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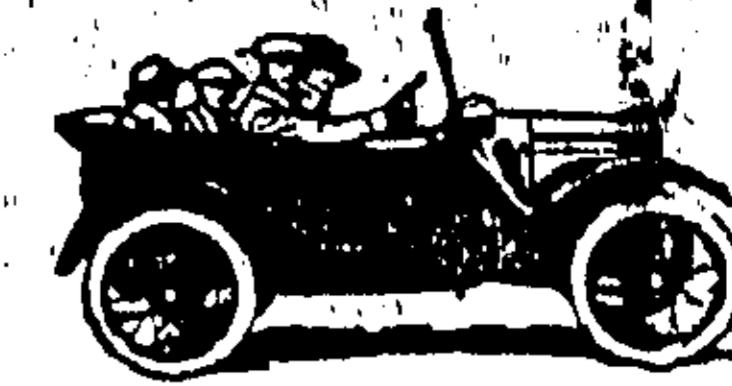
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ARMED BANDITS.

HONGKONG PEOPLE KIDNAPPED.

STARTLING AFFAIR.

Daylight Raid Near Tsun Wan.

To-day Hongkong had its first experience of armed bandits forcibly carrying off people, presumably for ransom, in the best Canton manner.

Only meagre details have reached Police Headquarters regarding the startling occurrence. About 9.30 this morning, three young Chinese, each flourishing a revolver, entered a small village near Tsun Wan (which is on the mainland and further from Kowloon than Laichikok). They marched off a man and a woman at the revolver point. The man is believed to be a farmer. As no attempt was made to rob the house where the victims live, it is thought that the bandits had as their sole object the carrying off of the man and woman for ransom.

As some time must elapse before even preliminary negotiations are opened for ransom, this crime cannot very well be dismissed as part of the usual China New Year epidemic. Accordingly, it is surmised that the coup was deliberate and premeditated.

The crime-to-day resembles the raids made on communities up-country. Hitherto Hongkong has had one kidnapping sensation but this was not brought off openly.

A Canton schoolboy who was spending his holidays in Hongkong was asked to visit the monastery at Castle Peak. The motor car stopped at a lonely spot. Two or three men started a conversation with the party of boys and induced them to go on board a small sampan, ostensibly to purchase garoupa fish. When the sampan had gone out a little distance, the boys were threatened with firearms and subsequently taken away to Chinese territory. Several months later, the Canton boy was released, thanks to a raid, at which members of the Hongkong Police were present, by a detachment of Chan Kwing-ming's soldiers on a robber stronghold not far from British territory.

Surmise arises as to the chances of this morning's culprits getting away with their captives. With the system of Police communication brought to what it is, all out-stations would be advised as soon as the message got through to Central and all likely points of departure on the mainland would be closely watched. However, there is a possibility of miscreants deciding to hide in Hongkong till the hue and cry subsides.

Years ago, before the Revolution and when the Manchus held sway in Kwangtung, a Chinese from the Pun U district (in which Canton is partly situated) was brought down to Hongkong by his captors and not released till ransom had been paid.

By means of threats that he would be put to death, that his relatives would be killed and that

SUICIDE PACT.

SINGAPORE EUROPEAN JAILED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, January 15. U. G. Richards pleaded guilty at the assizes to attempted suicide and abettment of the suicide of his wife. He was sentenced to six months' jail on the first charge and three months on the second, the sentences to be concurrent.

ARMS EVIL.

Two American seamen were charged with selling a pistol and fined \$350 each.

GERMAN CABINET.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, January 15. The list of Herr Luther's Cabinet confirms the forecast as regards its complexion. In addition to Herr Stresemann and Neuhau, it includes as Minister of Interior Herr Schiele, leader of the German National Party, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs Herr Stigl, of the Bavarian People's Party, Minister of Justice, Herr Geisler, and Minister of Labour, Herr Brauns.

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"HULLO!"

POLICE STATION TELEPHONES.

HOW THEY WORK.

"CHINA MAIL" REPORTER'S INVESTIGATIONS.

Inquiries have been made at Police headquarters by the "China Mail," following the letter from Mr. John Arnold regarding his telephoning on Sunday evening to report an attack by armed robbers on the village at Telegraph Bay.

No record of Mr. Arnold's message is on the books but the Police have an entry of a telephone message from Mr. A. G. Hewitt, the architect, who gave the information about the robbery.

On the switchboard at the Police Headquarters telephone exchange are twenty five numbers. Four of these are vacant. No. 11 is the one on the desk of the inspector-on-duty in the Central Station charge room. No. 15 is the instrument in the "side-

HEALTH PROBLEMS.

WILL FAR EAST PORTS BE GRADED?

HONGKONG'S POSITION.

Facilities For Combating Disease.

It is the investigations of the men of science that have made habitable such outposts of the Empire as Hongkong, and the Colony is honoured by the selection of its University as that most suited to house the distinguished gathering that will assemble there throughout the coming week.

The occasion is the joint conference of the China Medical Missionary Association and the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association. Although the papers read are said to be of a very technical nature, the public will have an opportunity of showing its interest and its appreciation of the selection of Hongkong as the rendezvous by attendance at the public lectures, which will be given in easily accessible places, details of which are not yet to hand.

"The questions to be dealt with are of general rather than particular local interest," said Dr. J. B. Addison, Principal Civil Medical Officer, when approached by a "China Mail" representative in his office at the Government Civil Hospital this morning. He added that, although he did not know from what point of view it was going to be treated, a question of great importance to Hongkong was that on which a paper was to be read—"The League of Nations Grading of Far Eastern Ports."

"This matter has already been referred to in the Legislative Council when it was pointed out that it had not been stated that Hongkong was a third or fourth rate port. The idea is that the grade shall be according to the requirements lacked by the ports in the way of facilities for combating disease."

"I shall be attending the Conference which is shortly to be held at Singapore at which this matter will be discussed," added Dr. Addison. "The proposal is that there should be a sort of epidemic bureau established there to collect news of what is happening in other ports as to the prevalence of disease, and pass it on."

Asked if he thought Hongkong would be the subject of any discussion arising out of the reading of the paper at next week's conference, Dr. Addison said that it was difficult to say, but questions could not be gone into in any great detail as there were only ten minutes provided for discussion after the reading of papers.

A history of plague in Hongkong by Dr. A. G. M. Severn and another paper of particular interest to Hongkong (on the administration of water chlorination by Dr. E. P. Minett) will be given at the conference.

CANADA'S THREAT.

MAY WITHDRAW FROM WEMBLEY.

MOTOR TRADE DISPUTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 15. The representatives of several Canadian motor manufacturers called the Canadian Government yesterday with reference to the ban on exhibiting in the British Empire Exhibition imposed by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders who announced yesterday that members exhibiting at Wembley would be forbidden to exhibit at the annual show at Olympia.

The Canadian Government, in reply, cabled the Canadian Exhibition Commissioner instructing him officially to protest against interference with would-be exhibitors by a trade organisation, adding that if a satisfactory solution is not found Canada, as a last resort, will withdraw from participation at Wembley.

ITALY'S POLITICS.

PROTEST AGAINST DESPOTISM.

(Reuter's Service.)

ROMA, January 15. The Opposition, headed by Signors Gioiliti, Orlando, Salandra, has presented a strongly worded resolution in the chamber declaring that in view of the Government's encroachments on the liberty of the subject, discussion of the electoral bill is injurious.

Though it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that the resolution, which is bound to lead to a motion of confidence, will be defeated, it is believed the Opposition is hopeful that a bold display, by the leading personalities of the old regime, will have the country in their favour.

HOCKEY.

H.K.C. v. "TAMAR."

The following will represent the H.K.C. first eleven on Wednesday next at 5 p.m. sharp at the U.S.R.C. against the "Tamar"—

P. W. F. Mills, A. A. Dand, H. Owen-Hughes, the Rev. E. W. L. Markin, E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), L. P. Ralph, G. R. More, Lieutenant Jones, W. J. Woodward, E. L. Sim and B. D. Evans.

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A. H. BARLOW,
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1925.

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A. Y. FERGUSON,
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Hongkong, May 8, 1923.

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KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 23, 1924.

CHIEF MANAGER:

A. H. BARLOW, Esq.

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Z. YAMAMOTO,
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HONGKONG BRANCH, 3, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, 5th June, 1924.

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GERMAN TRADE.

The Star Ferry Co., Ltd., advises that, subject to audit, the balance at profit and loss account for the eight months ended December 31, 1924, is \$274,162.37.

which, together with \$37,252.71 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$311,415.08 available for appropriation.

The Directors will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend the following distribution:

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AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on THURSDAY, January 22nd, 1925, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of proposing a resolution to adopt the revised Rules and Regulations and Rules of Racing as the Rules and Regulations and Rules of Racing of the Club.

A copy of the revised Rules and Regulations and Rules of Racing may be inspected by members at the office of the Secretary upon application.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 23rd January, to Tuesday, 10th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.**INTIMATIONS.**

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NOTICE OF ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 17th January, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the period from the 28th December, 1923 to the 30th September, 1924, and also for election of Directors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 13th January to 17th January, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
EDWARD B. RAYMOND,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1925.**HERBERT JAMES BRIDGES NORTON, DECEASED.**

ALL Persons, Firms or Corporations having any claims against or any moneys or securities belonging to the Estate of the above deceased (late of the Hongkong Hotel) are requested to send particulars thereof to the Undersigned.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1925.

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CANADA MARU ... Friday, 20th Jan.
PANAMA MARU ... Friday, 13th Feb.
MONDAY - Via Singapore and Colombo.
SHINNOH MARU ... Sunday, 18th Jan.
AMUR MARU ... Tuesday, 26th Jan.
INDUS MARU ... Saturday, 24th Jan.
SAIGON - Bangkok and Colombo.
KLUH MARU ... Sunday, 1st Feb.
SALGUTTA - Singapore and Bangkok.
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INDO MARU ... Thursday, 28th Feb.
VICTORIA BEATTIE TACOMA & VANCOUVER - Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai) ... Monday, 26th Jan.
NEW YORK - Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
ARGUN MARU ... Thursday, 22nd Jan.
AVURE MARU (From Shanghai) ... Beginning of Feb.
JAPAN PORTS.
BORNEO MARU ... Friday, 30th Jan.
PARIS MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Feb.
GEELUNG & SWATOW & AMOY.
AMAKURA MARU ... Sunday, 18th Jan. at 11 a.m.
KAIJO MARU ... Sunday, 25th Jan. at 11 a.m.
SAKAO & SWATOW & AMOY. ... Monday, 16th Jan. at 8 a.m.
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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In the Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 16. — Coronet Theatre

"Cytherea";

January 16. — Star Theatre;

"Kosta".

January 16. — Queen's Theatre,

"Beyond the Rocks"; also The

Manila Vaudeville Co.

January 16. — World Theatre,

"The Demi-Virgins".

January 16. and 17. — Hong-

kong A.D.C.'s production, "St.

Joan," 9 p.m.

January 21. — Hongkong

A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan,"

4.30 p.m.

January 23. — Variety show

from Home, at Theatre Royal.

SOCIAL.

January 17. — Dance at Crai-

gengower Club.

January 22. — Musicals at

Helena May Institute, 3.30 p.m.

January 23. — Fancy Dress

Ball in the Grill Room, Hong-

kong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

SPORTS.

January 31. — Hongkong Box-

ing Association tournament in

City Hall.

February 16-17-18-21. — Hong-

kong Jockey Club Annual Race

Meetings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

January 16. — Lammert Bros.,

at Sales Room, postage stamps,

5.15 p.m.

January 20. — Lammert Bros.,

at No. 6, Victoria View, Nathan

Road, Kowloon, household furni-

ture, 2.45 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 17. — First ordinary

meeting of the Hongkong De-

velopment, Building and Savings

Society, Ltd., at the City Hall,

Hall, noon.

February 2. — Twenty-seventh

annual meeting of the Star Ferry

Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson

& Co., Ltd., at noon.

February 19. — One hundred

and fifth meeting of shareholders

of the Hongkong, Canton and

Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at

4A Des Voeux Road, noon.

February 10. — Thirty-seventh

meeting of shareholders of the

Hongkong Land Investment and

Agency Co., Ltd., at the Offices of

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,

Ltd., noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 20. — Joint conference

of China Medical Missionary

Association and the H.K. and

China Branch of British Medical

Association opens at City Hall.

January 22. — Extraordinary

general meeting of the H.K.

Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex,

5.30 p.m.

January 30. — Annual meeting

of shareholders and subscribers of

St. John's Cathedral, in the

Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Tls.

Langkawi ... 21

Buyers.

Ewos ... 12 50

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Shanghai Docks ... 107

Buyers.

New Engineering 7

Buyers.

Orientals ... 4

Buyers.

Shanghai Cottons 58

Buyers.

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Messrs. Goud & Co., were the

opening quotations on the Shanghai

market this morning.

Shakespearian quotations some-

times lead to trouble. A Little-

hampton shop assistant last month

summoned a clergyman and a

colonel for assault. It appears that

they had a controversy at a Con-

servative open-air meeting, and

that the shop assistant flung at the

clergyman that quotation, "Who

made thee, a bloody minis-

ter?" He claimed that he used the

words in the Shakespearean sense,

but the clergyman took them in the

ordinary sense and shot out with

his right in an exceedingly scientific

manner, while the colonel also

assisted in the mêlée that result-

ed. Curiously enough it was the

colonel, although he apologised

who was fined, and the clergyman

who got off scot-free.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON RESERVES v.
CLUB RESERVES.

The Kowloon F. C. reserves are
to meet H. K. F. C. reserves in a
(second division) league match, on
the Kowloon ground, kick-off at

2.30 p.m. sharp to-morrow.

Teams:-

Kowloon Reserves:—C. Stewart;

W. H. Brown, B. Rasmussen;

A. W. Brown (Capt.), C. Cavaille,

S. Randle; C. Morris, A. E.

Latham, C. Millard, A. Fitzgerald,

A. Spary. Reserves:—A. Tram-

bitzky, W. H. Parratt.

Club Reserves:—F. Angus, S. O.

Hill, D. Lyon (Capt.), S. H. Garrod,

A. Ferguson, G. Puncheon, B. Bell,

E. Railton, J. Douglas, D. Cameron,

J. Dixon, Reserve, E. Roberts.

K. C. C. v. R. A.

SOCIETY.

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January 22.—Musicals at

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January 23.—

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"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan. at Noon	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull
"MOREA"	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"DONGOLA"	8,043	8th Feb.	Spore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"SARDINIA"	6,684	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,993	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"SARAWAK"	6,688	18th Mar.	Spore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"KASHGAR"	9,008	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	8,813	31st Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"MANUTA"	10,902	1st Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMALA"	6,698	18th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,039	2nd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,684	16th May	Spore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"NAGOYA"	64,85	16th May	Marseilles and London
"MOREA"	10,911	20th May	Marseilles and London

BRITISH INDIA APCAR SAILINGS (South)			
"TAKADA"	6,849	20th Jan. at 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TILAWA"	10,010	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKIWA"	8,600	15th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

WESTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)			
"ST ALBANS"	4,600	4th Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and
"TANDA"	6,958	18th Feb.	Melbourne
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"SARDINIA"	6,684	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,993	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TAKIWA"	6,688	3rd Feb.	Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	6,688	7th Feb.	Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,008	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SOUDAN"	6,688	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANUTA"	10,902	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SICILIA"	6,813	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Mar.	Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,098	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,039	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST ALBANS"	6,000	4th Apr.	Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,684	17th Apr.	Moji and Kobe
"NAGOYA"	6,684	22nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MORVA"	10,911	1st May	Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	6,688	9th May	Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,118	10th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	20th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,993	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANUTA"	10,998	26th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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ENTERPRISE:

Although the "China Mail's" dramatic critics have not been able to praise the Amateur Dramatic Society's production of "Saint Joan" beyond a certain point, they agree, however, that it is remarkably good—this paper does not by any means share the opinion that the players showed presumption in attempting such a difficult piece. Indeed we warmly congratulate them upon their courage, which is only excelled by the ability with which they have carried the project to success. Of course we admit that they have not staged the play without minor defects—even the best London company would not entirely escape criticism—but as one of our dramatic critics observed, since nobody throws away a wedding cake because of a stray ant, so the whole performance must not be adversely criticised because of the fallings of this or that exponent of the drama according to Bernard Shaw. Judged by amateur standards, it is in every way a triumph. However, it is not to extol the production still further—the dramatic critics of the Colony have already cornered all the suitable adjectives—but to point the moral, that we mention "Saint Joan" again to-day. Every performance so far has been witnessed by crowded houses and the booking for those still to come is understood to be so heavy that the season has been extended. Now we readily admit that not everyone who has seen the play or who intends to see it before the local season is over is a lover of classical drama for its own sake, least of all a devotee so earnest that waiting several icy hours in a queue—Bernard Shaw's test of sincerity—would fail to cool his enthusiasm. We readily admit that many people are attending "Saint Joan" from entirely different motives, most of which are purely personal. But

we do claim that since the A.D.C. can both present an acknowledged masterpiece with professional success and secure crowded houses for every performance, to stage anything in the future but plays by the greater dramatists would be to trifl with the abilities of the players and to misjudge the public. Lest these words should chance to meet the eye of a Home entrepreneur, however, we would hasten to add that for reasons apparent above, they cannot be taken as a promising support for a "professional" company, a fact which is a sad commentary upon the appeal of classical drama in Hongkong.

The Gold Standard.

The mystery that has surrounded the visit of Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, to New York, which has been the subject of much Press speculation, has been cleared up by the announcement that an arrangement has been entered into between Mr. Norman and Mr. Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Reserve Bank of New York, for the British Government to return to the gold standard. We are told that the American authorities are impressed with the British financial policy, and think that when the pound sterling reaches parity, it will remain there, and then it will be safe for London again to be a free gold market. It is only natural that the continued rise in the American exchange should bring the question of the final return of the pound sterling to, and its stabilisation at, the pre-war value of 123 grains of fine gold or 4.862/3rd American dollars into the region of practical politics. As sterling approaches to par there is always the grave risk that the speculative operators, who have helped it on its way in order to profit by its appreciation, may reverse their tactics when they see the margin of possible profit vanishing almost to zero while the risk of loss remains. This position was foreshadowed by a Home financial paper at the beginning of last month, and it asked what British policy would be when sterling continues to rise until the distance which separates it from parity becomes insignificant, until it reaches \$4.75 or more. It further asked: "Are we to make a definite and determined effort to annihilate the remaining few cents, to drive our currency to parity and, having got it there, to keep it there; or are we to continue the policy of masterly inactivity, to let the exchange take its course and perhaps to see it drift downward into the abyss?" The alternative, it was pointed out, would be to take bold measures, to declare that the time has come when the gold standard can be re-established, and, if necessary, to raise a credit in America—as France has done—to ensure successful stabilisation. The credit would very likely not need to be drawn upon; its *raison d'être* would be rather to frustrate any speculative "bear raid" upon the pound. That would be one of the great advantages of a gold currency; and it is, therefore, good news to learn that an agreement has been made between London and New York for the British Government to return to the gold standard.

Allied Unity.

No event since the conclusion of the Great War has created such widespread interest as the Finance Conference of the Allies in Paris, which has concluded an agreement, which has been well described as an epoch in the reconstruction of Europe. In the long weary years between 1914 and 1918, the Allies have come together as one strong, inflexible person, and revealed a degree of harmony that is a striking tribute to the desire of all the participants in the Conference to settle the vexed question of inter-Allied debts once and for all. It is gratifying to find that the rights of Great Britain have been fully protected, even in the controversial matter of her financial relations with the United States. It cannot be forgotten that the British burden in the war was not inferior to that borne by any other Allied nation. For that reason alone, Great Britain was entitled to respect from every quarter at the historic Conference just signally concluded. The financial burdens of Great Britain have been incomparably greater since the war than those of any other victorious nation. She paid all her own expenses during the war; she has discharged, and has been discharging, since then, all her liabilities incurred during the war. That policy has imposed the greatest sacrifices upon the British taxpayers. No other victorious nation has been making similar or equal sacrifices. British taxation has been higher, than that of any other country; and, moreover, these taxes have been and are being paid. For all these reasons there is reason to compliment the British representatives at the Finance Conference on securing in the agreement all that was asked. The settlement just reached may therefore be regarded as the forerunner of the consolidation and increasing re-establishment of British credit throughout the world. And upon that will hinge the future commercial prosperity of the whole British Empire. There are other phases of the agreement entered into by the Finance Committee in Paris that may be worthy of comment, but these must naturally take second place beside the effect of that agreement on British finance and British credit.

BURGLAR'S FALL.

CAPTURE, TRIAL, AND SENTENCE.

A Chinese was charged yesterday before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy with attempted burglary at No. 69, Woosung Street, Yau Ma Tei, and with theft of clothing.

In the early hours of November 24, the accused attempted to escape from the first floor of the above premises on his presence being noticed by an inmate. Missing his footing, he fell from the verandah into the street, and was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital. A few days later, having slightly recovered from his injuries, the man made another bid for freedom with the hospital clothing supplied to him, but the police arrested him again.

The accused, who had a previous conviction against him, was sentenced to three months' hard labour on the first charge and fourteen days' imprisonment on the second, the sentences to run concurrently.

TYPICAL WEATHER.

DISLIKED BY PEDESTRAINS.

"Typically Chinese New Year weather" was the remark with which most people looked out upon the inhospitable elements last night, and buttoned up their overcoat collars if they had to go out to brave them.

This morning again the leaden skies and damp streets presented a cheerless appearance, and the intermittent drizzle occasionally developed into a real downpour.

Half an inch of rain fell for the twenty-four hours ended at ten o'clock this morning, the "China Mail" learned on enquiry from Mr. T. F. Claxton, director of the Royal Observatory. The heaviest downpour was that between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

BOAT-WOMAN SENT FOR TRIAL.

The successful raid on a sampan a week ago by Sub-Inspector K. W. Andrew, when he discovered no fewer than 28 firearms and 9,200 rounds of ammunition, was described in detail at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

In connection with this seizure, a boat-woman was charged with the unlawful possession of the arms. Mr. N. I. Brewster defended. After hearing evidence, including that of a sampan boy, the accused was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

MR. HALLIFAX THE ONLY RECIPIENT.

MALAYA DRAWS A BLANK.

We have waited until noon to-day," says the "Straits Echo," of January 2, in order to be able to congratulate the Malayan recipients of New Year Honours, but so far we have had no news whatever of any having come this way. Indeed, beyond a solitary "C.M.G." for Mr. E. R. Hallifax, of Hongkong—at which everybody who knows that amiable gentleman and capable officer will rejoice—the list received through Reuter to-day makes no mention at all of any Far Eastern names and we are almost driven to the conclusion that on this occasion Malaya has drawn a blank. That would be hard to understand, for among the unofficials a former Penang merchant and "public man" now resident in Singapore has surely earned a knighthood, while everybody expects the editor of the "Straits Times," who is shortly due to retire, to be given the reward of many years' faithful service to the community in the shape of a "K.B.E."—anything less would be an insult, in view of the precedents established in India and the Dominions. However, we believe that nominations in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire are generally reserved for the Birthday Honours, though two ladies figure in the list we publish to-day as Dames Grand Cross; so perhaps we shall find the omission as regards Straits unofficials made good in June. But even if that is so, what of the Malayan Civil Service? Are we to believe that neither in the Colony, the F.M.S. nor the Unfederated States has there been found a single officer worthy of a "K." a "C.M.G." or even an "I.S.O."? The idea is ridiculous, and we wish we were in a position to explain what, in the words of a former Colonial Secretary, can only be described as a regular Feast of the Passover. How the service itself regards this rather pointed failure to recognise its legitimate claims to a fair share of the orders and decorations awarded at this season of the year, we do not know; but we do know that the general community feels very strongly that Malaya has distinct grievances both as regards officials and unofficials in the matter of the New Year and Birthday Honours.

ST. JOAN."

THE THIRD NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.

ANOTHER IMPRESSION.

The professional has the pull over the amateur in the representation of drama by reason of the fact that he is known to so few of his audience in any other capacity than that of an actor, and is thus able to influence his hearers without having to divert thoughts which have flowed into opposite channels by almost unconscious association of the would-be director with entirely extraneous circumstances.

The "China Mail" representative who, by the operation of the factors controlling the economic law of supply and demand in regard to tickets and their distribution to the individual units making up the human element in a newspaper office, was able to witness the third night's presentation by the Hongkong A.D.C. of Bernard Shaw's great play "St. Joan," found himself handicapped by reason of the very factor outlined above. But he both enjoyed himself and was made to realise that he was listening to a great play performed really well.

With the fast moving plot, changing scenes, and rapid dialogue neither players nor hearers have time to dwell on personal idiosyncrasies but in a play of the nature of "St. Joan" they have every opportunity to make themselves felt. The effect is really not unpleasant, and perhaps it is unfair to make it a point of criticism when so much appreciation could be written, but the main critique of the play has already appeared in the "China Mail"; this is in the nature of an impression, and it is often the smallest things which cling to the mind with the greatest tenacity.

If the written impression is to correspond with the actual experience, however, the closing note must be one of genuine appreciation—of the pains that have been taken by the players—and those responsible for the production; and of the performance of Mrs. Beale in particular. She must have shown "St. Joan" in a new light to most of those who have seen her in the part; and it is the Joan that Bernard Shaw would have them see.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

COMMENT ON TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

INTERPORT DETAILS.

[By "Dutchie."]

The following is the programme for to-morrow:

LEAGUE—2nd Division.

Drums v. Surreys, Sookumpoong ground.

Sacred Heart v. University, St. Joseph's ground.

Kowloon v. Club, Kowloon ground.

Club de Rec. "B" v. China "A," Chinese ground.

St. Joseph's "A" v. Club de Rec. "A," Navy "A" ground.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's "B" v. China "B," Club ground.

Kick-off at 2.15 p.m.

Interport Trial.

Hongkong v. The Rest, Club ground.

Kick-off at 3.45 p.m.: sharp.

The return game between the Recreio and St. Joseph's "A" should be interesting. Both have a chance in the league, but the Recreio have a better position and on present form should win. They were successful in the previous game by three clear goals.

Surreys should repeat their performance against the Drums and thereby maintain their lead at the top of the league. Sacred Heart should also register another win. Kowloon will find the Club Reserves a much improved team, and although they will have the advantage of ground, I think the Club will manage to share the points.

Recreio "B" are not likely to beat the Chinese "A." They were rather lucky in the previous game. China "B" and St. Joseph's "B" will fight hard to win and the latter start favourites.

The Interport team will be out on the Club ground at 3.45 p.m. when they will be opposed to an eleven chosen from the "Rest." The first named will play in blue and the latter in white.

The teams are as follows:

Interport Team: Clarke (Police); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Leung Yuk-tong (Chinese); McKelvie, Capt. (Kowloon) and Bristow (Surreys); Charlesworth, Eaton, Humberstone (Surreys), Li Wai-tong (Chinese) and Macklesworth (Surreys).

The Rest: Wavish (Tamar); Wheeler (Kowloon) and Hume (Petersfield); Petter (Surreys), Stewart, Capt. (Club), and A. Duncan (Kowloon); Harris (R.A.), Sun Kam-suen (Chinese), Jones (Club), Butler (Surreys) and Brown (Tamar).

The following are the arrangements for the Interport games against Shanghai:

Saturday, January 24:—

Hongkong v. Shanghai.

Monday, January 25:—

South China v. Shanghai.

Wednesday, January 28:—

United Services v. Shanghai.

The start each day will be at 3.45 p.m. sharp. H.E. The Governor, H.E. The Commander-in-Chief, of the China Station, H.E. The General Officer Commanding, The Commodore and Sir Claud Severn have kindly consented to be present.

By kind permission of Colonel Montague Bates and officers, the Band of the East Surrey Regiment will play before and during the interval at the Hongkong v. Shanghai game.

It is understood that arrangements are being made to get the Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" for the Services' game on January 28, if they are disengaged.

The seating accommodation will be confined to two stands. All seats will be numbered and can be booked. This applies to all three games. Booking will open at the Anderson Music Store on Monday, January 17.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING DAY.

The prizes won by the scholars of the Ellis Kadoorie School, Hospital Road, were distributed this afternoon by Mrs. R. E. O. Bird. In the presence of a large gathering.

Sir Claud and Lady Severn graced the occasion with their presence, and there were also on the platform Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. F. de Rome, and Lady Gibb.

The following report for the year 1924 was read by Mr. R. E. O. Bird, M.A., the Headmaster:

The school year terminated at the end of last November, when the whole school was examined in every subject. The results of the examination were satisfactory. All the "A" divisions did very well and 6D remarkably well. Class 4A was handicapped by the absence of Mr. Mycock who was in hospital for three months. I am glad to say he has now recovered from his three operations.

In March Mr. Cheng Kai-in resigned. He had been with us for many years, having served under Mr. Braithwood before the school was taken over by Government in 1916. His services were very great. He was librarian here for many years and took a great interest in making the library a success. He has very kindly donated to the school the two boards which we see at the back of the hall and which contain much good advice for the benefit of the scholars. His duties as Librarian have been taken over by Mr. Lo Ki-san.

We were pleased to have Mr. Mok In-nam, one of our old boys, appointed as a teacher in April. He has lately taken over the duties of sports master from Mr. Cheung Wai-lui.

In June Mr. Yik Kai-cheong and Mr. Lo Wai-kwan came to us from the Hongkong University and are both doing good work here.

Mrs. Holland, Miss Kennedy and Miss Lewis have come and gone.

In September, Miss Hall was transferred to Kowloon British School. She had been with us since October, 1921, and had been in entire charge of the drawing. Her teaching was producing very good results. Her removal was a great loss to the art side of the school as all drawing lessons have now ceased.

The vernacular side has been under the supervision of Mr. Lau Tsoi. Model lessons have been given in the hall by vernacular teachers every Wednesday and Saturday morning with satisfactory results. Out of 672 examined in Chinese, 624 passed and 48 failed.

The maximum enrolment for the year was 747, and the total number on the registers during 1924 was 864.

In sports we have won the Junior Basket Ball League and the Small Boys' Volley Ball League.

The Scouts under Scoutmaster Lam Kwan-shan and Assistant Scoutmasters Lu Po-sham and Leung Kim-shu have been very energetic during the year. They now number 36 and are always to the fore in keeping order and helping in any ceremony. They went into camp twice during this year, gave life-saving demonstrations in July at Kennedy Town and North Point and helped in the "flood relief" processions and bazaar. Sir Henry Gollan has very kindly consented to become their President.

On the national holiday, October 10, the school hired the World Theatre and gave a concert there before a packed audience which greatly appreciated every item. The arrangements were all made by the boys and everything was very smoothly and creditably carried out.

We had a number of swimming excursions, but we were unfortunate in the weather allotted to us. However, thanks to the three days' swimming campaign at the Y.M.C.A., in which every non-swimmer took part, and to the other facilities given them, the vast majority of the boys can swim and some of them very well.

Mrs. Hewer has continued her singing lessons with the lower classes and I am of opinion that the boys who learn singing get a better pronunciation than those who do not. Whenever we have any small function, singing is an appreciated item on the programme.

We concluded the school year with a walk from Kowloon City to Shatin which was successfully accomplished by 450 of us.

We beg to thank Lady Severn and yourself for so kindly coming here to-day. You have been present at every prize-giving and your interest in the school has been a great compliment and stimulus to the boys. This year 46 boys competed for the prizes you have given and 295 drawings and paintings were handed in.

This is the first time that Mrs. Bird has appeared on this platform. If you are as pleased to see her here as I am, you will share my regret that this is the last prize-giving she will attend here. I am afraid I shall be to blame for that. However we shall both of us watch with interest the progress of the School and shall be delighted to hear of its continued prosperity which I hope and believe will be great.

I thank the staff for the way in which they have carried out their duties. I am pleased to say that during the many years I have been here, I have always had their ready and willing support.

I beg to thank the Committee of the Po Leung Kuk, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Kwok Yu-ping, Mr. Cheng Kai-in, Messrs. Chung Sun and the Commercial Press for donations to the prize fund.

SIR CLAUD SEVERN'S ADDRESS.

Sir Claud Severn then addressed the gathering. He said in part:—I am sure you will all feel gratified at having Mrs. Bird here to present the prizes to you. Mr. Bird has said that this will be the first and last time she will be able to do so. I cannot believe that this is the case. It is true that Mr. Bird is retiring from the Government service and leaving the Colony. As an old resident, I cannot believe he will be contented to remain in England and not come back to see how development is going on. I am perfectly certain that they will again be present on the platform and take, if not an active part, a great interest in the proceedings. Mr. Bird has said in his report that I have been present at almost every prize-giving, and this is the fact. I am looking forward to this occasion every year, and I think this morning I see a larger gathering than I have ever seen before. I am pleased to see that the report on the school is generally satisfactory. Your activities and your studies seem to be developing on right lines, and the work of the Scouts is one of the most satisfactory features of the school. Their activities embrace many useful objects, and I hope under their new President, Sir Henry Gollan, they will continue to do the excellent work they have done since their formation.

As you have said, Mr. Bird, that this is the last time you will be present here as Headmaster, I can only congratulate you on the success of your work here for close on ten years, and I am sure you will always look back with great pleasure to your work here and the successful results.

Sir Claud Severn, in concluding, expressed his regret and that of the scholars at Mr. Bird's departure.

Reference was also made by Sir Claud Severn to the successful swimming results, and the usefulness of the singing classes. Special mention was made of the two water colour drawings by Fun Chun-wing, for which he had no hesitation in awarding the first prize. There was great difficulty in deciding on the second prize, but Ng Tai-chuen had done an extremely good Chinese landscape—a style different from the others—and also a good flower study. He hoped the three who were commended for their work would continue in their studies and win prizes next time.

The prizes were then distributed by Mrs. Bird, and the gathering dispersed after the usual cheers.

PRIZE LIST.

Scholarships, 1923:—Lau Chu-pak Scholarship:—Tso Nai-shung.
Tai Yau Scholarship:—Wong Cheuk-hing.
Scholarships, 1924:—Lugard Scholar:—Lau Pui-ki.
Full Free Scholarships to Queen's College:—Pan Noon-tat, Wu Yum-yu, Lo Hock-wan, Ma Fook-yan, Fung Yu-shuen.
Half Free Scholarships to Queen's College:—Tsim Man-chun, Lau Koon-kau.
Tai Yau Scholarship:—Ip Shiu-san.
Lau Chu-pak Scholarship:—Cheung King-pak.
Ho Kom-tong Scholarship:—Lau Yu-chuan.
Chan Kai-ming Scholarship:—Pang Shiu-kwong.
Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship:—Li Iu-wa.
Ho Kom-tong Scholarship:—Wong Yuk-shu.
Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarship:—Lee Chun-ting.
Ho Kom-tong Scholarship:—Tsui Chiu.
Chan Kai-ming Scholarship:—Pang Oi-kun.

ENGLISH CLASSES.

4A.—Lau Lim-pan, Tsui Hung-chiu.
4B.—Chow Pak-tau, Yim Chan-pui.
4C.—Chung To-fat, Tao Po-shee.
5A.—Un Chin-fan, free scholarship:—(1) Wong Kam-suen, (2) Lau Shing-ki.
5B.—Fung Hing-kam, Lam Shun-ye.
5C.—Chung Sung-to, Tsang Wing-chi.
5D.—Ohai Kung-wing, Lee Yu-shing.

SCHOOL CRICKET.

WEDNESDAY'S "FRIENDLY" MATCH.

On Wednesday, the Diocesan Boys' School sent a cricket team to the "Varsity ground, Pokfulam, where they met with defeat from a team, (twelve-a-side) captained by Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby-Fane.

Scores—

Diocesan School.	
S. V. Gittins, b Sudan	7
W. Hunt, b Sudan	2
L. Youngsaye, c Ng, b Sling	24
F. Zimmern, c Barnes, b Ponsonby-Fane	3
L. Gutters, b Sling	0
A. Nomanhbay, b Sling	9
D. Anderson, b Ponsonby-Fane	12
E. S. Cunningham, c Zimmern, b Sling	4
J. Fox, b Ponsonby-Fane	5
E. Goddard, E. Zimmern, b Ponsonby-Fane	4
E. Lee, hot cut	1
Extras	7
Total	87

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Sudan	10 3 17 2
B. P. Ng	70 1 19 0
F. Zimmern	8 1 25 5
D. E. Commissaire, c Youngsaye	53
H. T. Barma, b Gittins	11
N. Karanjea, c Youngsaye, b Lee	22
C. K. Ong, not out	18
Extras	13
Total (for 10 wickets)	174

R. A. B. Ponsonby-Fane did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.	
Nomanhbay	15 3 44 4
Zimmern	6 1 14 0
Gedgar	7 0 30 1
Gittins	6 1 37 1
Youngsaye	5 0 21 1
Lee	4 0 15 3

To-morrow's Teams.

C.R.C. v. I.R.C.

The following will represent the C.R.C. in the above match to-morrow, at 2 p.m.—Ng Sze-Kwong (Captain), H. C. Hung, H. Ching, C. Choa, W. Hung, Yung Hin-lun, Chau Kwan-lam, Ng Sze-cheung, C. Wong, Wong Posum, and Wan Iu-shing.

This match will take place on the C.R.C. ground, and not on the I.R.C. ground as down in the fixtures.

H.K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the University 1st XI in a friendly match against the Hongkong C.C. to-morrow, on the H.K.C.C. ground.—H. N. Balhatchet (Captain), Rev. E. K. Quick, A. Redmond, A. S. Hett, R. A. Ponsonby Fane, T. E. Yeoh, L. O. Yeow, J. I. Youngsaye, S. O. Shababdin, S. Hachiuma, B. P. Ng.

AGROUND.

RIVER STEAMER'S MISHAP.

POSITION SERIOUS.

Going up from Hongkong to Kongmoon on Wednesday night, the river steamer "San Nam Hoi" (Captain Sparkes) ran aground when about half way on her journey. When passed by steamers on the down-trip in the small hours of this morning, the "San Nam Hoi" was still aground. Her condition was then deemed to be rather serious but hopes exist that she will be refloated to-day or to-night when all her cargo has been taken off.

Last night, the "Tai Lee" and the "Sunning" were taking off passengers, and it is believed, some cargo. Some Standard Oil Co. lighters were also engaged in the task of discharging the "San Nam Hoi."

Ample protection has been accorded to the "San Nam Hoi" and there is little fear of an attack in the pirate infested locality where she happens to be aground. H.M.S. "Cicla," the Hongkong armed patrol launch "King Wah" and a Chinese Customs launch have all been standing by.

One of the best known of Hongkong-Kongmoon steamers, the "San Nam Hoi" has been under that name for about ten years or so. Previously she was the ill-fated "Tai On," which was twice pirated in quick succession. On the second occasion the European officers and a watchman put up a gallant fight, holding out on the bridge until the pirates set fire to the ship because they could not get control. At least one of the

CHINA NEW YEAR.

ANNUAL BAZAAR OPENS.

SEARCH FOR BARGAINS.

Inclement weather has given an auspicious start to the bazaar always held on the eve of China New Year.

Police regulations forbade the setting up of street stalls till yesterday—ten days before the big day. Yesterday, bazaar stallholders "pegged out their claims" by putting up empty cases, but even to-day most of the stands were still bare.

Last night there were a fair number of shoppers but active purchasing does not generally start till Monday. To-morrow or Sunday, householders will render tribute to the "Kitchen God," the *chin chin joss* being in the nature of a thanksgiving service for food provided through the kitchen during the year. After this service has been gone through, most people will commence their elaborate system of laying in supplies for the New Year season.

There is little change in the lay-out of the bazaar. As was the case last year, the whole length of Queen's Road has been kept clear. So-called "bargains" will be found in other main streets with the knicknacks in side streets.

The general tightness of money points to financial stringency in both business and social circles and it will occasion no surprise to see things quietier than usual.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEE.

WHITEAWAY'S GOODS.

CHINESE IMPRISONED TO-DAY.

That the Police are energetically pursuing the task of rounding up criminals, and more especially trying to bring to book the perpetrators of the big robbery from Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., was shown in a prosecution entered this morning against a Chinese employee of this firm before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Central Magistrate.

Acting on information received, Detective-Sergeant W. R. Chester-Woods paid a surprise visit to the home of the accused. Although no goods were found on the premises to connect him with the big robbery, there were still some articles, such as a mackintosh, cardigan jacket, pipe, Gillette razor, and belt, which called for investigation.

The accused, who was charged with the theft of the goods, pleaded not guilty, and stated that he bought most of the articles in the usual way from his employer's firm. The mackintosh, he alleged, was given to him by a relative who left for the country, and the cardigan jacket was purchased from Messrs. Sincere & Co.

The manager and an assistant of the firm gave evidence, and identified almost all the articles as being exclusively handled by them. A representative from the other establishment denied that they recently sold cardigan jackets such as the one produced in Court. The explanations put forward by the accused did not satisfy the Magistrate, who sentenced him to three weeks' hard labour.

INTERNEED.

IMPORTANT ACTION IN SHANGHAI.

ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16. At a meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and various Guilds yesterday afternoon, it was decided to finance the transportation of the interned soldiers to Tsingtao, the soldiers to be given a few dollars each when landing at their destination.

It is proposed to charter a large ship and send them off in two or three days.

An American marine, who was standing on guard at the internment camp, noticed several Chinese soldiers trying to escape. He fired a few shots, killing one and wounding two.

MR. "A" CASE.

SEQUEL IN POLICE COURT.

HOBS FOR TRIAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 15. Closing the case at Bow Street, the prosecution submitted three charges against Hobbs, namely, conspiracy to cheat and defraud Sir Hari Singh; stealing by means of menaces; and receiving two bankers' cheques for £150,000 knowing them to have been stolen abroad.

Hobbs was committed for trial. Hobbs made a statement describing Newton's evidence as a tissue of lies and asserting his innocence.

Reserving his defence, he declared he had not had an opportunity of conducting his defence as he had been unwell. "I am under a terrible disadvantage. I would not send a dog to prison on remand."

British officers lost his life when the ship was abandoned. Many of the native passengers and some of the pirates went to a watery grave before assistance arrived.

Burnt almost to the water's edge, the "Tai On" went down.

She was afterwards salvaged and refitted. In the hands of her present owners she has escaped most of the dangers that beset river shipping.

THOSE DEBTS.

HOW AGREEMENT WAS REACHED.

BALFOUR NOTE AGAIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 15. The correspondence which M. Clement and Mr. Churchill exchanged in Paris was published to-night. It shows that the former took the initiative in requesting Mr. Churchill to define British ideas as regards inter-Allied debts as a subject on which France was desirous of reaching a settlement.

Mr. Churchill, replying, promised to probe the matter. He said that the Cabinet in London would send an answer enabling France to present definite proposals, meanwhile repeating that the Balfour note remained the dominating guide and principle.

At the conclusion of to-day's Cabinet, which dealt specifically with debts, it was reliably reported that further discussion of details was necessary before a note to France could be expected, and a definite pronouncement was not likely for several weeks.

It may be useful to recall that the Balfour note broadly laid down the principle that Britain did not require more from her allies and Germany together than is necessary to liquidate the British debt to America.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company's oil tanker "Abelia," after leaving Telui Anson, broke her tall shaft with the result that the propeller sank and the steamer now lies stranded.

Peking's Chief Executive, Marshal Tuan Chi-jui, is reported by the Chinese press to have sent an agent to Shanghai to borrow \$300,000 for him to meet administrative expenses. It is said that the loan has already been arranged. The Ministry of Finance is also reported to be borrowing \$800,000 to tide over the Chinese New Year. The sale revenues will be used as security.

The outward bound Bibby liner "Leicestershire" (Capt. Gao English in command), arrived in Colombo on December 30 from Liverpool. She experienced very bad weather right through the voyage, particularly when nearing Colombo striding head winds making her progress slow. On Christmas Day, a gloom was cast over the ship by the mysterious disappearance of the Chief Engineer, Mr. A. J. Farish. It is not known how Mr. Farish met with his death, but it is presumed that he either fell overboard accidentally and got drowned or committed suicide.

Within the pages of "The Blue Peter" are always to be found travel episodes which will awaken longing in the mind of the most insular and provide even the most experienced globe-trotter with something new. "The Blue Peter" is a monthly magazine of sea travel of the type one glories in getting hold of during a long voyage. The December number contains stories and articles of the usual high standard on such topics as "Virgil's Sea Sense," "Crossing Tyne Bar in 1854," "The Desert Mail," "The Growth of Empire" and "An Odyssey of Empire," all of which are written by men and women with a thorough acquaintance with their respective subjects.

The Atago Police Station in Tokyo received a strange caller last week. A man, dressed in his best with haori and hakama, carrying a small bag, presented himself to the Prince Regent. He said that he had been ordered by Prince Takamatsu to convey to the Regent, whom he greatly loved, his store of precious pearls. He then opened the bag and poured out on the desk a lot of dirty white pebbles. He was examined by a medical officer who found out that the man was a lunatic from Otsu where he had been in confinement for many years. He had managed to escape from the upper room which had been his cell, and came up to Tokyo to fulfil his strange duty.

Shanghai is at last to have a model yacht pond. In the past the sailing of model craft on the ponds in Jessfield Park has been prohibited to avoid possible casualties to young people, but they will rejoice at the Council's decision, which appeared in the "Gazette," to build a pond for this purpose. The pond will be designed to render its juvenile users immune from danger and the estimated cost of construction is Tls. 8,000. The sailing of model boats has previously been allowed under one condition, namely, if children are accompanied by adults. A reminder appeared in the "Gazette" to the effect that on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works, the pastime is now absolutely prohibited, pending the building of the pond.

The Japanese All-Champion Basketball team from St. Paul's University, Tokyo, have returned to Japan after playing an interesting series of games here.

According to a report issued by the Shanghai Rice Guild there was stored in the International Settlement during December last 79,230 piculs of rice, of which 44,449 piculs were in the stores on the northern side of Soochow Creek.

A Chinese press telegram from Hankow reports about 700 soldiers, 100 officers, and 40 "politicians" accompanied Marshal Wu Pei-fu to the Hsi San (the West Hills) near Wuchang, and have taken with them a food supply which will last for at least eight months.

According to the "Manchuria Daily News," the Foreign community at Mukden, under an understanding with Major-General Chang Hsien-hang, is maturing the plan to lay out an ideal race-course about the Golf Links belonging to the Mukden Club. On the other hand, the Mukden Horse Race Club (Japanese) is also pushing forward its plan to hold formal races at a new course to be laid out about the railway town.

The largest Department Store in Hokkaido, the Imai in Sapporo, was totally destroyed by fire last week. At about ten o'clock flames were seen bursting out of the basement windows and before the fire engines could be brought they had spread so rapidly that nothing could be done to stop them. The Imai is situated on Minami-cho, the busiest thoroughfare in Sapporo and for some time the adjoining buildings, the "Hokkaido Times" and the Communications Bureau were threatened. Damages will total over one million yen.

An unfortunate accident occurred on the steamer "Hong Feng" at Singapore, the chief engineer, Mr. W. W. Stewart, falling eighteen feet into the hold and sustaining serious injuries to the face. The "Hong Feng" was lying in the roads at the time, and Mr. Stewart, after receiving medical aid, was taken ashore in a motor-launch and sent to hospital.

The Japanese railways at present have a rule that not more than Y. 100 compensation may be paid for any piece of baggage,

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The "Kobe Shimbum" re-

ports that Dr. Sengoku, Minister of Railways, has decided that this rule must be abandoned so that compensation may be made according to value.

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One case of diphtheria (British) occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

The B.L. "Chakrata," which was proceeding to Jaffna with cargo, ran ashore when nearing that port. She was subsequently refloated.

Eighty-three Chinese were repatriated to China on December 13 from the East Coast of Sumatra, at the expense of the Dutch Government.

A Chinese woman was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from a fractured arm as a result of a ricksha accident.

Three women and a man, owners of native small craft, were each fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning for obstructing the southern fairway in the harbour.

A taxicab knocked down a Chinese woman at Queen's Road Central, yesterday. She was injured in the leg, and conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The "Overland China Mail," the weekly edition of the "China Mail," which will be ready tomorrow, contains our two critiques of the A.D.C.'s production of "Saint Joan."

The driver of motor lorry No. 530 has reported to the police that his lorry came into collision with another belonging to the Hong Kong Electric Company at Morris Gap Road yesterday. Both the vehicles were slightly damaged.

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Newspaper accounts of the romance culminated in the statement that Mr. Jones was a Negro, born in Jamaica. The bride and her parents indignantly denied this assertion, declaring that they came from Lincolnshire, England.

Mr. Leonard Kip Rhinelander, who is in the early twenties, loyalty supported his wife's statements at first. Now he has returned to the bosom of his own family. In the proceedings started yesterday he states that he was induced to marry the girl by fraud, she having assured him that she was white without any intermixture of coloured blood, whereas actually she is a Negro. His suit is based mainly on the fact that Mr. Jones, when applying for naturalisation papers, described himself as coloured.

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GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

APPEAL FOR CO-OPERATION LOCALLY.

HOW EDUCATION SUFFERS.

At the annual distribution of prizes of the Ying Wa Girls' School last evening Miss Hoglen (the head mistress), in presenting her report, made the interesting suggestion that an association of heads of the different schools be formed. She said: "I should like to put in a plea for more co-operation between the different girls' schools in this Colony. It seems to many of us that the schools are suffering and the education of our pupils is suffering, from the want of an association of the heads of schools, in which matters which concern us all might be talked over; steps might be taken to prevent the continual change from one school to another which is such a serious hindrance not only to the progress of the individual girl, but of the class, and links might be formed between the schools which would be a source of strength to us all."

The presentation of prizes was performed by Mrs. J. R. Wood and took place in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends of the girls. The Rev. Cheung Cheuk-ling presided, and among those supporting him were the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce and Mr. J. R. Wood. Several short speeches were made during the evening, exhorting the pupils to keep their ideals and do their best in their studies.

After the formal part of the programme had been carried out, the pupils entertained those present with selections of songs and musical items.

The Year's Work.

Reviewing the work of the past year, Miss Hoglen said: "The total number of pupils enrolled for the year 1924 was 336, the largest number in attendance at any one time being 308, the highest daily attendance 299, and the average attendance for the year 277. Attendances have on the whole kept up fairly well, owing partly to the fact that, except for a slight epidemic of mumps, we have had very little illness among the pupils. I would like, however, to urge upon parents the necessity of regular attendance if steady progress is to be made with the work. Many parents who would hesitate to keep a girl away from school for a week at a time will make up two weeks in odd days, without realising that their daughter is missing valuable work which it is difficult and sometimes impossible to make up."

Work-in-all-departments of the school has gone steadily forward during the year. In the High School classes the experiment of taking all subjects in English, leaving only 6 or 7 hours a week for definite Chinese bookwork and composition, has proved very successful. The progress made in the one year in English has been great, and very valuable work along modern lines has been possible in all subjects. We hope that more and more parents will be satisfied that their girls should simply obtain the Primary Certificate, but will allow them to go on to three years or more of High School work, and perhaps to preparation for the Hongkong University Local Examinations. We are glad to have this year two graduates from the High School who have finished the three years' course after which they obtain their School Certificate, although we are always glad when girls come back for a fourth year to go on to higher work.

A Pressing Need.

From the Primary we have 15 graduates, and we hope that the parents of those girls will realise that this is only a first step, and that they will allow their daughters to pass on into the High School. The Kindergarten has done good work throughout the year, and we have to-day 16 small graduates from this department. These little people have been during the year in a matshed, which although commodious and airy, must necessarily be only a temporary structure. One of our pressing needs is a permanent Kindergarten building, separate from the main school.

After the summer holidays we were able to welcome Miss Hutchinson from Canton, and it has made a great difference to the school to have her with us for this half-year. I should like to tender hearty thanks to the members of the staff of the school, both Chinese and English, for their loyal co-operation in the work of this year. We are also

very grateful to those from outside who have helped—Miss Watkin, who has been responsible for the Scripture teaching in the High School classes, to Mrs. Brown, who has come all the way

from The Peak to help us every week, to Mrs. Harlow for her help in the teaching of needlework in the school, to Mrs. Mitchell for medical attendance, and to Miss Ward for her lectures to the High School girls on first aid and home nursing. During the first half year, Miss Ward prepared 23 candidates for the St. John's Ambulance examination in junior home nursing, of whom all passed, and will this evening receive their certificates. We are also grateful to the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling for the time which he has given to a weekly Bible Class with the High School girls, and to the Rev. Wong Oi-fong for constant help rendered in many different ways.

Athletic Activities.

At the beginning of the year the School playground was resurfaced at a fairly heavy cost, but we have found it well worth while, as it has made possible much more physical work than we have had before. In a crowded curriculum it is difficult to find the time one would like to give to the drilling and games, but even so we have noted with satisfaction the growing keenness of the girls on this side of their school work. Our annual sports day was held on December 13, when, in addition to individual competitions such as jumping and skipping, great interest was shown in the form races, and rounders and captain Ball matches. The usual swimming parties were arranged once a week during the summer months, and were a source of great pleasure and benefit to the girls who were allowed to join them. We hope that next summer many more of the parents will encourage their girls to take part in this healthful recreation.

The School branch of the Y.W.C.A. has done good work during the year, and has made a distinct step forward, in that the organisation has this year been entirely in the hands of the girls. The Sunday School work every Sunday morning has been a happy time both for the older ones in the big school, and for the little ones who meet with Miss Fung in the kindergarten. Many of the girls took part in the Sunday School work for poor children in the holiday months, and one is very glad to see this willingness on their part to give up their own pleasure to do this often monotonous and tiring work in the hottest months of the year.

New School Building.

The plans for our new school are in the hands of the committee of gentlemen who, with the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling as President, Mr. Chan Lai-chan as Treasurer, and Mr. Tsing as Secretary, have generously promised to undertake the raising of funds for this much needed new building. Our friends at Union Church have been thinking of us, and after many months of work held a sale shortly before Christmas, and sent us \$1,000 as the result, thus making possible one class-room in our new building. Mr. R. E. Pearce has also very generously sent us a similar gift. Are there no friends in this room to-night, or into whose hands this report may come who would do likewise? On all sides our work is cramped and hindered for want of space, and it is with great regret that we have to say to the majority of the new girls who wish to enter school at the beginning of term, "There is no room for you." With the growing population of Hongkong, and the increasing popularity of girls' education, the need of more accommodation for girl scholars grows more urgent every year, and any gift towards the new Ying Wa Girls' School will be a real contribution towards the general educational work of Hongkong.

May I, too, add one word about the co-operation of parents with the school? We often feel that the connection between home and school is very slight, that the girls are almost, as it were, living two separate lives, and we feel that these should be blended into one. May I say how glad we always are to have visits from the parents, we like you to see the school in which your daughters are being educated, we like to talk over with you our aims and ideals, we want to feel that these two most important factors in a girl's life, her home and her school, and working hand in hand for her growth and development along the best and soundest lines.

Your hope for your daughters, our ideal for our scholars, surely is that they may grow up to be good, useful, God-fearing women, taking their place in the work of the world. Let us co-operate in the attainment of this ideal."

Mr. Zinovjeff's attempt to carry him out of politics. It may amuse him to dream that he and his half dozen Marxian cronies are establishing "an iron organization" which will presently have Europe in its grasp; but all he is really doing is making Russian Communism ridiculous, and providing documents which are of the greatest help to the reaction at every General Election.

The Russian writings which make the most favourable impres-

G. B. S.

LETTER TO MOSCOW PAPER.

ADVICE TO SOVIET.

The following letter has been addressed to "Izvestia," in Moscow, in reply to a request for a pronouncement of the Russian question, by Mr. Bernard Shaw. It is not a translation from a Russian translation, but a transcript of Mr. Shaw's duplicate of the original text.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid it is not possible for "Izvestia" to publish my opinion of the situation created by the abandonment of the Anglo-Russian "treaties."

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. V. Wadeon and defendant by Mr. R. H. Wadeon.

Plaintiff said that he sold goods to the value of \$1,500 to defendant, and all the goods he sent were ordered.

Defendant corroborated Mr. Wadeon, adding that though he paid over money he did not get receipts.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff with costs.

A PROVERB IN POINT.

An English proverb says, "One man may steal a horse when another may not look over a hedge." A Tory Government, under pressure of the commercial demand for trade with Russia, is quite likely to steal the horse at which Mr. MacDonald stands.

Mr. Wadeon said that the case for the defence was that defendant was to sell goods for plaintiff on a commission basis. Both defendant and his wife had paid money to plaintiff day by day. All the goods he bought were paid for.

No better groundwork for the

rehearing of the case.

Mr. McCallum pointed out that the bangles had been examined by an expert who said they were genuine gold, and that was the reason for the application. The woman asked the pawnbroker for \$15.

His Worship pointed out that there was evidence on the other side that the price she asked for the bangles was \$90, and when she said she only asked \$15 for them she was lying.

His Worship, in refusing the application, said in his opinion this was an invention on the part of the woman's people. The whole thing was a clever fraud, and he must refuse the application.

It was agreed, however, that Mr. McCallum and his Worship should further discuss the matter in chambers.

See the denouement at the Coronet to-day.

RUSSIAN NOVICES.

I am not referring to the forged letter, but to a far graver matter. The constitution of the Third International has been translated and published in the London "Times" newspaper; and the bourgeois idealism and childish inexperience of men and affairs which it betrays in every line have given a serious shock to the friends of the Soviet in England.

From the point of view of English Socialists, the members of the Third International do not know even the beginning of their business as Socialists; and the proposition that the world should take its orders from a handful of Russian novices, who seem to have gained their knowledge of Trotsky; but even he has allowed himself to speak of Mr. H. G. Wells with a contempt which shows that he has not read Mr. Wells' "Outline of History," and has therefore no suspicion of what an enormous advance on "Das Kapital" that work.

VICTORIAN PROPHETS.

It is this amazing Russian combination of brilliant literary power and complete emancipation from bourgeois illusions with an absurdly superstitious reverence for the early Victorian prophets of the London suburbs, that makes the literature of the Russian revolution at once so entertaining and so hopeless.

Even a mind and character as strong as Lenin's was so paralyzed by this superstition that when Mr. Wells laughed at the Marxian idols in Moscow he seemed to Lenin to be not exercising one of the elementary critical rights of a free-thinker, but divine greatness that he was too "petty bourgeois" to realize then what hope is there of any understanding for Mr. Sidney Webb (another English writer who has gone far beyond Marx), or for Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, or may I say for myself?

I sound this alarm because the Soviet Government must wake up to Western realities unless it wishes to become the main bulwark of Capitalist Imperialism in Europe and America.

LITERARY ROMANCING.

Mr. Zinovjeff and his Third International did not intend to wreck an English General Election in the capitalist interest, and thereby make the Sudan a present to the British Empire and the River Nile a present to the Sudan Plantation Syndicate;

but this is precisely what they did by their inopportune literary romancing, which it suits our governing classes very well to pretend to take seriously.

If that sort of thing continues, and the Soviet Government also pretends to take it seriously, or worse still, does actually take it seriously, then all hope of solidarity between Socialism in the West and East of Europe will fade out; and we must go our own way in England without more regard to the policy of

Moscow than Moscow has for the

policy of Madagascar.

Faithfully,

G. BERNARD SHAW,

10, Adelphi-Terrace, London.

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November 29.

NO RECEIPTS.

CURIO DEALERS TO PAY FOR GOODS.

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz), Tauneyo Kimoto sued Matsunuma and Co. (G. Matsunuma), 5 Arsenal Street, curio dealers, for \$954.13, being the balance due on goods sold and delivered.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. V. Wadeon and defendant by Mr. R. H. Wadeon.

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A SUGAR FAMINE.

Perth (W.A.), January 15.

A sugar famine exists as a result

of the shipping trouble. Other

foodstuffs are scarce.

BOMBAY OUTRAGE.

REWARD OF 10,000 RUPEES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bombay, January 15.

An application to the police for

protection by Muniz Begum on the

ground that her life may be endan-

gered when she is released from

hospital, was granted.

The Government has

sanctioned a reward of 10,000

rupees for information leading to

the discovery of the instigators and

perpetrators of the crime.

Muniz Begum was one of the

party of motorists who were held

up by a gang of outlaws in the

Malabar Hill residential quarter on

Tuesday evening, when one of the

party was murdered, and she and

other of the occupants were

wounded. The previous cable

stated that she had been murdered.

See the denouement at the

Coronet to-day.

ALLIES' FINANCE.

SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 15.

The newspapers are delighted

with the outcome of the Finance Conference.

They say that yesterday was a red-letter day.

They hope that, in view of the

solidarity, Germany will not dare

to evade her obligations.

They also emphasise that the United States is

now personally interested, seeing

that the agreement was carried out.

Consequently the Cabinet will

be strongly influenced by National

ist tendencies, especially in Home

affairs, but as Herr Stresemann

remains Foreign Minister, presum-

ably the foreign policy generally

will be unchanged, especially as

the Centre Party holds the key to

the situation and can throw the

Government out in the Reichstag

whenever it wishes.

The Socialists will sharply op-

pose the Cabinet in the Reichstag,

whilst the Democrats will adopt

a waiting attitude.—Reuter.

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Conrado W. Massaguer, famous Cuban caricaturist, with his bride, a niece of General Mario Menocal, former President of Cuba, is touring the world for a honeymoon tour.



BOY BISHOP

It is the custom at Berden, Essex, on the feast of St. Nicholas, that one of the choir boys should be duly elected "Boy Bishop of Berden" by the other singers, duly assembled in the parish church. This picture shows this year's "Boy Bishop" in his garb.

MARRIED FOR A LARK.



MRS. T. E. MEAD

Miss Audrey Lornquist, daughter of a wealthy family, who married Fred Scott, nephew of Walter Dill Scott, President of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., as a secret "lark" in January, 1923, and then spent her honeymoon alone with her parents in Detroit, had that marriage annulled in May. Now she has become the bride of Theodore E. Mead, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mead, of Monterey, Cal.

Spanish-Dictator.



DR. M. DE GERIN

Dr. Maderick T. de Gerin, noted French physician, asserts that thousands of persons die needlessly every year of pneumonia when a simple serum treatment would cure them quickly.

Mr. "A's" Uncle.



MAHARAJAH SIR
PRETER SINGH

Above is Maharajah General Sir Preter Singh, of Jammu-Kashmir, one of the world's richest potentates. He is the uncle of the Rajah-Sir Hari Singh, the mysterious "Mr. A." Sir Hari, who is officially his uncle's heir, may be disinherited, it is reported from India.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



ABOVE: MRS. COLIN O'MORE & MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE
BELOW: PRINCESS KETTO MIKELADZI & C. A. STONEHAM

Charles Stoneham, owner of the New York Giants, lost a legal point when the Federal Judge, in New York City, ruled that he must answer creditors' charge that he was a partner in the bankrupt brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Co. Princess Ketto Mikeladze, Russian exile, is about to break a 500 year record for idleness in the Aristoff family, of which she is a member, by working for a living on the stage. Mrs. Colin O'More, known in private life as Mrs. Madeline E. Hornberger, has sued for divorce and \$15 a week alimony from the San Carlos Opera Company tenor. Mrs. Calvin Coolidge has been awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Boston University.



MAHARAJAH OF SAVANTVADI

Captain His Highness Raja Bahadur Sir Desai, Maharajah of Savantvadi State, India, a province under the Bombay Governor, was recently re-invested with the ruling powers by the Viceroy of India after a dissolution of a hundred years. The Maharajah is the seventh richest man in the world.

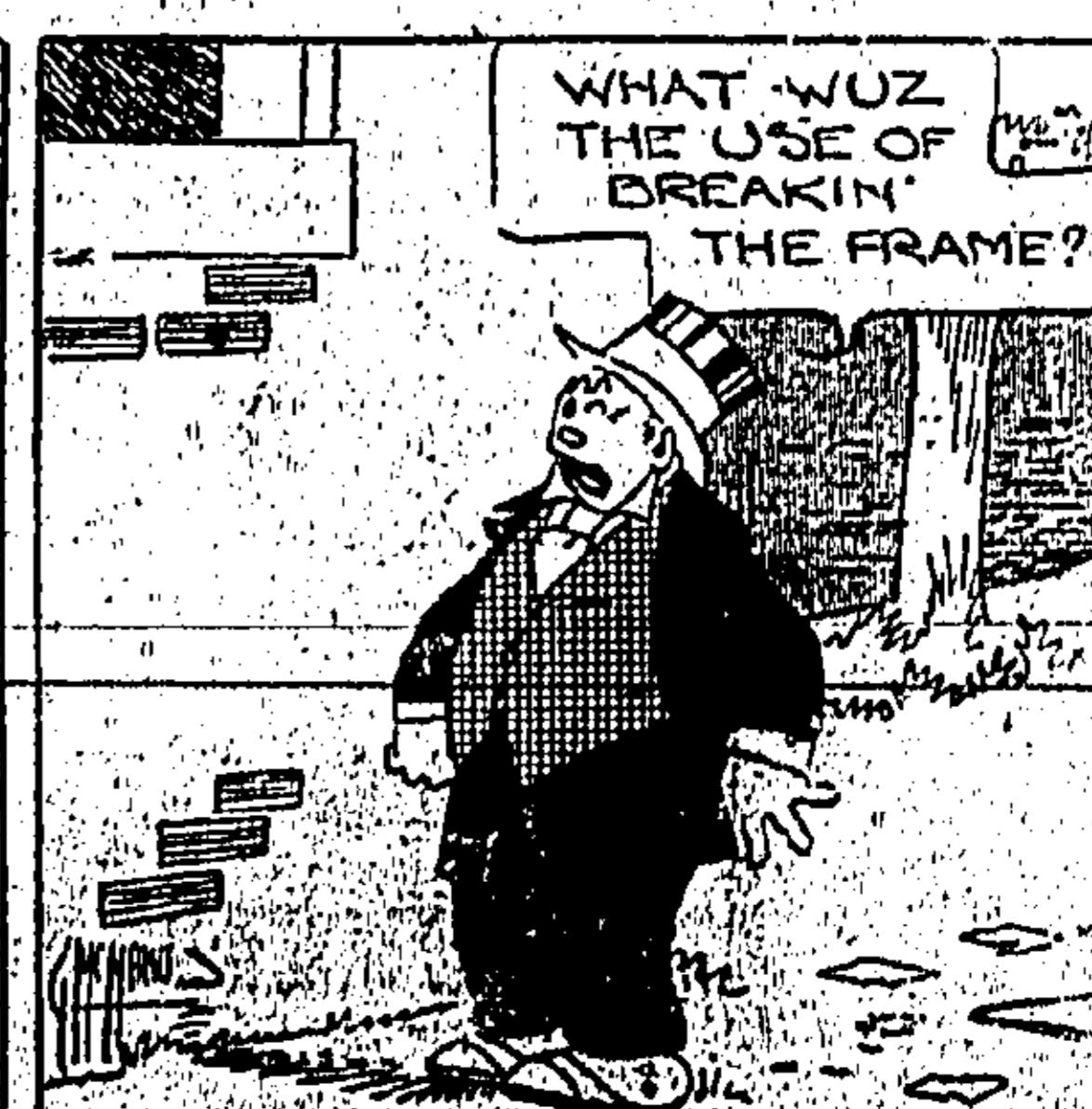
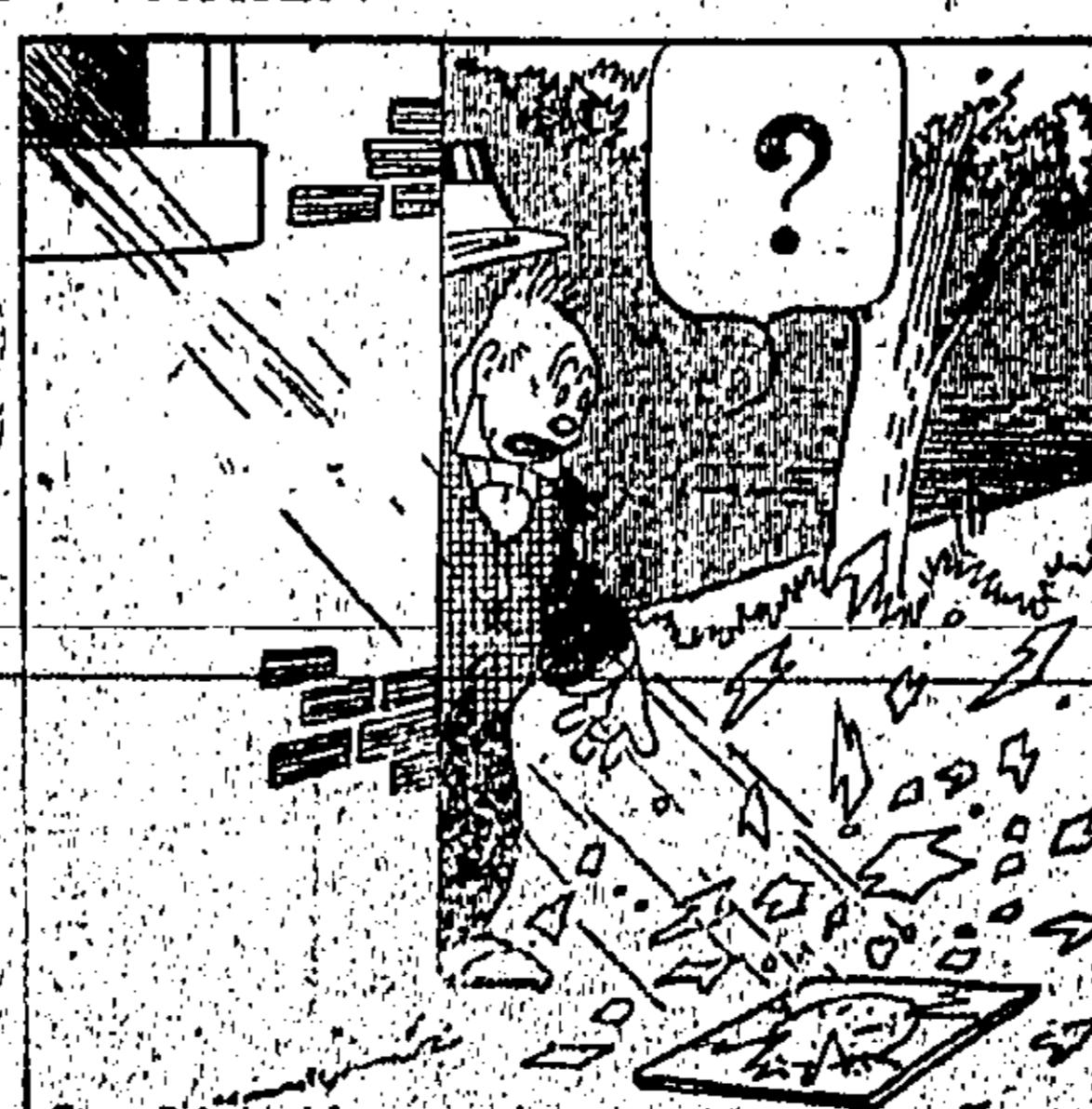
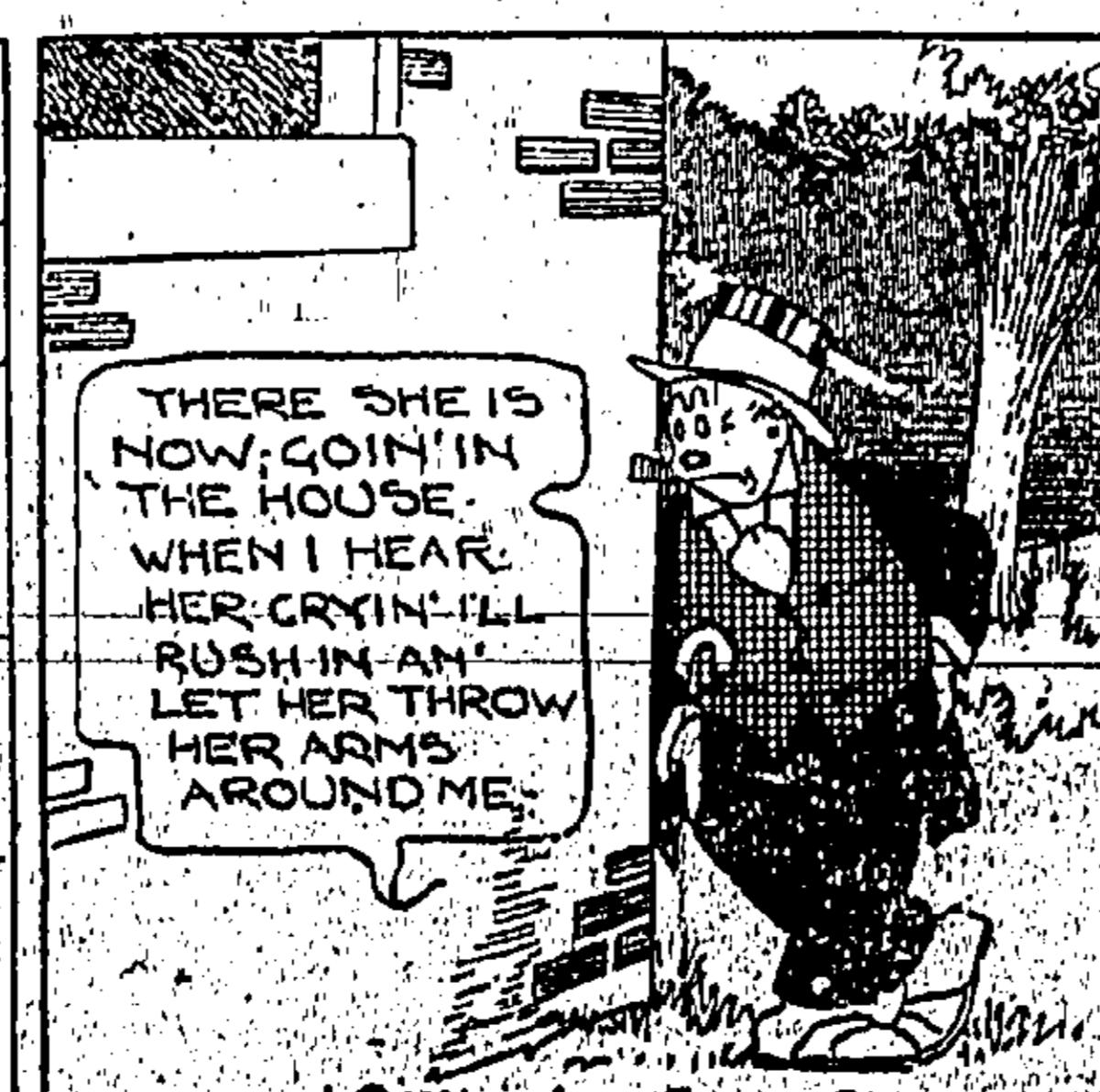
OPERA CLUB SUCCEEDS THE "400."



MRS. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT & PRINCESS CANTACUZENE

New York's "400" has passed out of existence and has been succeeded by the Monday Opera Club, whose aim candidly is to select "Who's Who" in social activities. The "400" came into being at a grand ball given by Mrs. William Astor, and was selected by Ward McAllister. The Monday Opera Club will be limited to 500. A feature will be the acceptance of foreign nobility as honorary members, the first being Grand Duchess Cyril, whose husband has proclaimed himself Czar of the Russians. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Princess Michael Cantacuzene, are members of the advisory and executive committees.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

TUESDAY, 20th January 1925,
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Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Monday the 19th January 1925Terms:—Cash on delivery.
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Auctioneers**THE WATER SUPPLY:**Level and Storage of Water in reservoirs
in the 1st January 1924—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS

LEVEL

	1924	1923
From 1 ft. 11 in. Below 1 ft. 6 in. Below overflow	100,000	90,000
From 1 ft. 6 in. Below overflow	100,000	90,000
From Intermediate 2 ft. 6 in. Above overflow	100,000	90,000
From 2 ft. 6 in. Above overflow	100,000	90,000
Below overflow	100,000	90,000
From 3 ft. 6 in. Below overflow	100,000	90,000
From 4 ft. 6 in. Below overflow	100,000	90,000
From 5 ft. 6 in. Below overflow	100,000	90,000
Total	1,000,000	900,000

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and thousands of gallons during the month of December

Consumption 1,000,000 900,000

Estimated population 370,000 300,000

Consumption per head 2.68 3.00

Per day 22.4 25.8 gallons

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WEATHER REPORT.

January 16d. 12h. 04m. Pressure
has increased moderately over
Tongking, and slightly from
Shanghai to N. Formosa. It has
decreased considerably over the
Bonins and moderately over central
Japan. It is nearly stationary over
the Philippines and Kwangtung.
The Lochoos depression has
moved to the north of the Bonins.
A depression is still shown to
the S.W. of Yap.

A strong anticyclone is central
over Manchuria.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24
hours ending at 10 a.m. today,
0.41 inch. Total since January 1st,
0.38 inches, against an average of
0.45 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending
at noon on January 17, 1925:

1.—Formosa Channel,
N. winds, strong.
2.—South coast of China
between Hongkong and Lamock,
N. winds, fresh; overcast, rain, cold.
3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock,
N. winds, fresh; overcast, rain, cold.
4.—South coast of China
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